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Lake Conservation
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from Kerala State Bio- Diversity Board seeking assistance for the conservation of the Vellayani fresh water lake and surrounding paddy field as a bio-diversity heritage for birds;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has made any bio-diversity survey in the region to identify various bird and fish species; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)& (b) No proposal has been received from the Kerala State Bio-Diversity Board for seeking assistance for the conservation of the Vellayani fresh water lake and surrounding paddy field as a bio-diversity heritage for birds under the National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Eco-systems (NPCA). As per the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, the concerned State Governments have been empowered to notify in consultation with local bodies, areas of biodiversity importance in their States as Bio-Diversity Heritage sites. Kerala has not yet notified any such site in the State under the Act.

(c)& (d) The Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) have informed that they have carried out faunal diversity studies in various parts of Kerala, including wetland habitats of Ashtamudi lake & Vembanad lake. However, no major project has been undertaken by ZSI on faunal diversity of Vellayani lake.

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